(b) No qalified lady veterinary doctor has so far applied for Commission in the Remount & Veterinary Corps.

Special Emphasis on the Health of mothers and Children in Eighth Five Year Plan

4303. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a separate health sector planning in the Eighth Five Year Plan and there is special emphasis on health of women and children;

(b) whether it is a fact that success of population programme very much depend on the general health and status of women and children;

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to ensure that population programme is not at the cost of general health care and preventive medicare services; and

(d) whether Government propose to entrust the responsibility of actual planning implementation, monitoring and target setting of the population programme on local Mahila Mandals as 85% of sterilisations on women?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir. In the 8th Plan as usual Health & Family Welfare Sectoral Planning will be an integral part of the overall developmental planning. It is proposed to continue the emphasis on delivery of comprehensive promotive-Preventive and Curative Health Care Services of the mothers and children under the Family Welfare Programme for which a Steering Committee has been appointed by the Planning Commission.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Family Welfare Programme as being implemented at present is not merely a population control programme where in family planning services are offered as an integral part of a package of health services, with particular emphasis on maternal child health and nutrition. The maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services are envisaged to be further strengthened and expanded in the 8th Plan. The Child Survival Programmes and activities like Universal Immunisation Programmes (UIP), Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) and other prophylaxis programmes are proposed to be strengthened and attention would be paid to diseases affecting infants and children like diarrhoea and Respiratory infections etc. For enhancing safe motherhood, training of Dais, Immunisation to pregnant mothers, Ante Natal, Natal and Post Natal Care Services and the measures to prevent nutritional deficiencies, are proposed to be emphasised during the 8th Plan.

(d) During the 8th Plan, more active involvement of the Mahila Mandals in Family Welfare Programme is anticipated.

Statutory status to the Lok Adalats

4304. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have examined the proposal for proving statutory status to the Lok Adalats; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (No. 39 of 1987) confers statutory status on Lok Adalats. The salient features of the same are indicated in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

(1) Lok Adalats are to be organised by the State and District Legal Services Authorities and shall consist of such judicial officers of the area and such other members possessing such qualification and experience as may be prescribed;

(2) A Lok Adalat shall have jurisdiction to determine and arrive at a settlement between the parties to a dispute in respect of any matter falling within the jurisdiction of any Civil, Criminal or Revenue Court or any Tribunal constituted under the Law for the time being in force in the area for which a Lok Adalat is organised;

(3) Every "Award" of the Lok Adalat shall be deemed to be a decree of a Civil Court or Order of any other court or Tribunal, as may be appropriate, and where a compromise or settlement has been arrived at, by a Lok Adalat in a suit or proceeding, the court fee paid in such suit or proceeding shall be refunded in a manner provided under the Court Fee Act, 1870;

(4) Every "'Award" of Lok Adalat shall be final and binding on all the parties to the dispute and no appeal shall lie to any court against the award;

(5) The Lok Adalat shall, for the purpose of holding any determination under the Act have the same powers as are vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, while trying a suit in respect of the following matters, namely :—

(a) the summoning and enforcing the attendance of any witness and examining him on oath;

(b) the discovery and production of any document;

(c) the reception of evidence on affidavits;

(d) the requisitioning of any public record or document or copy of such record or document from any court or office; and

(e) such other matters as may be prescribed.

(6) All proceedings before a Lok Adalat shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings within the meaning of Section 193, 219 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code and every Lok Adalat shall be deemed to be a civil court for the purpose of Sec. 195 and Chapter XXVI of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Discovery of a New Kind of Cheap Petrol

4305. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report that appeared in prominent Malayalam daily 'Deepika' on the 30th June, 1988 about the discovery of a new kind of cheap petrol made out of waste material by one Mr. Babu Matheu of Idukki district in Kerala; and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry into the claim was conducted and what are the findings of the report in this regard?